

Tribal Officer arrested in shooting in Middle Village

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Menominee Tribal Police Officer, Gregory Bork, 37, was arrested on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, after he entered a home in Middle Village and threatened to kill the occupants. Bork entered the home of Michael Chevalier, 27, and Crystal Chapman, 23, in Middle Village about 3 a.m. while they were sleeping.

Bork blamed Chevalier for the break-up of Bork and Chevalier's mother, Lori Waukau. Bork had a handgun and threatened to kill Chevalier. Bork did shoot pregnant Crystal Chapman in the leg and fought, then pistol-whipped Chevalier. They were able to escape and seek help from a neighbor after being held hostage for about 30 minutes.

Bork fled the scene of the crime and a multi-jurisdictional manhunt ensued for the next 12 hours. Scanners were hot and heavy as search teams from Menominee and Shawano County Sheriff's Departments, Menominee Tribal Police, Menominee County Conservation Wardens, the FBI, and other groups looked through abandoned houses, in the heavily wooded area around Camp 1, and other places of interest around the state. An intense search was conducted throughout Menominee and Shawano counties. Bork was apprehended at his ex-wife's house in Gresham without incident about 12 hours after the shooting occurred.

Chapman and Chevalier were transported to the Shawano Medical Center. Both were treated and released a few hours later.

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Triathlon attracts athletes of all ages



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The Menominee Triathlon attracted 43 participants on July 12, 2003. The athletes began with a 400-yard swim across Legend Lake, a 7-mile bicycle ride down Highway VV, and ended with a 2-mile run up Kittecon Road to the Keshena Pavilion. The oldest participant was 76 and the youngest was 4 years old.

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The sun was shining and the sky was clear. The water was calm and the float boards were on hand. All systems were go for the start of the 2003 Menominee Triathlon.

This is the 10th year that the Menominee Triathlon has taken place, sponsored by the Wellness and Diabetes Programs of the Menominee Tribal Clinic. The event opened with a traditional prayer and blessing by esteemed Menominee elder, Earl Wescott, who dedicated the event to the homebound and those who are behind bars.

The event covered three key activities: swimming 400 yards across Legend Lake by the dam,

biking 7 miles down VV to the Water Department, and then running up Kittecon Road past the dump to the T and back to the Keshena pavilion. Crowds of well-wishers were on hand to cheer the participants on.

The oldest participant was Jack Albers, age 76, from the Legend Lake area. Albers has been at every triathlon except one for the past 10 years. He mentors a Menominee boy who was unable to attend, but brought the boy's brother. "I do it because it is fun and to be with people. I finished and that's the important thing," said Albers. He did more than finish, he received a trophy for first place in his age category of 50 and over.

Tyrell Lonnie, 4 years old, was the youngest participant and finished the event.

His mother Brianna Tepiew and he both received a Blood, Sweat, & Tears trophy. His grandfather, Brian Tepiew, finished 2nd in the 50 and over category for three generations of trophy winners that day. "I try every year. I just have to prove it to myself," said Brian.

Mark Caskey, event organizer, credits Brian Tepiew's persistence with energizing Caskey to put the event together.

Barbara May, Bingo worker and caller, also received a Blood, Sweat, and Tears trophy in recognition of the effort made to participate and finish.

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